



If At First You Don't Succeed . . .

A True Christmas Story

These little pigs went to market.

One day this week a well known Irishman living south of Irma proposed to do a good deed for his elderly neighbor, so got out his team and sleigh, loaded up his neighbor's pigs and proceeded toward Irma in order to market same.

However, the best laid schemes of mice and men, Irishmen as well as Scotsmen, gang aft agle, and on coming to the railway tracks, a mile east of town, the sleigh upset.

Our gallant son of Erin, determined to finish what he had begun, walked on into town to enlist aid in righting the sleigh. On his return he found the pigs had got out of the box and were meandering about the countryside.

As they refused to re-enter this narrow prison, there was only one thing to do. The sleigh was driven along in the deep snow beside the highway and our Irish hero added his stubborn charges into the track made by the sleigh and drove the pigs to market on foot, just the way it is done in Tipperary.

Southern Sayings

Mrs. Alec Cairns was a weekend visitor to Wainwright.

Mr. George Foreman was a visitor to Hardisty, Amisk and Edmonton in the past while and is now on his way East to Gilbert Plains, Man., to spend the holidays and part of the winter with his Uncle Charlie and relatives.

Mr. Albert Jackson who has been working in the Golka Garage, Hardisty, is now home this week for the holidays.

With such a tremendous amount of sickness, the Christmas holidays will be quite quiet for a lot of families this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reber and family and Mrs. W. E. Reber of Hardisty were week-end visitors to Roy Reber's this week.

We sincerely wish our Local Editor and all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who gathered together on December 12 to celebrate our Silver Wedding Anniversary. We do appreciate this friendly gathering, the good wishes offered, the lovely gifts received and the happy memories we have to cherish. We would also like to say thank you to the impromptu orchestra and to Mrs. A. Ploker for all her kindness.

Local News

Miss Susie McKay, an honor philosophy student at Toronto University will spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mayor and Mrs. Brien, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

-In spite of the cold weather, a good number turned out to the Candle-Lighting ceremony and Vesper service conducted by the Irma CGIT in the United Church on Sunday last. Miss Olive Thurston is the leader of this group and is to be complimented on this service.

We know of nothing better to put you in the right spirit on Christmas morning than to attend the open session which the United Church Sunday School is holding at 11 o'clock, December 25. Come and hear the children sing. Everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Charter and Mr. T. E. Yorr are leaving for Edmonton this week to spend the holiday season at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Carter.

Mr. Leo Thurston of St. John's College, Winnipeg, will spend Christmas and New Year's at his home here.

There have been a number of cases of Scarlet Fever in Irma and district. The Health Nurse has been coming to Irma schools every day to keep a close check on the throat condition of each pupil there.

Word has been received of the death of Mr. Peter Selstadt, an old-timer of this district. Mr. Selstadt who has been in very poor health for several months, passed away in the Wainwright Hospital, Wednesday, Dec. 21.

A meeting of the Irma Calf Club will be held January 7 at 2 p.m. at the Irma High School.

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ole Nilsson and family from McLoughlin, Alta. Mr. Nilsson is the new Pool elevator agent here.

There will be no issue of the Irma Times between Christmas and New Year's.

The Co-op store will be closed on Tuesday, January 3 for the purpose of stock taking.

The Irma Hockey Club are sponsoring a New Year's dance in Kiefer's Hall on Dec. 30. Coulterman's orchestra will be in attendance.

We are very sorry to hear that Mr. Havecock Currie who is in his 90th year had the misfortune last week to fall down the cellar stairs fracturing his leg very badly. Mr. Currie is in the Mannville hospital and is rallying well in spite of his severe injury.

PLEASE NOTICE

Our Christmas issue will be dated Friday, December 23. Following our usual custom, there will be no paper published between Christmas and New Years. Our first issue in 1950 will be

J. J. Hines Victim Of Fatal Accident

We are sorry to record the passing of Mr. J. J. Hines who was fatally injured on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Mr. Hines was at Berwyn in the Peace River district at the time of the accident and was inflating one of the tires on his truck. Too much pressure caused the rim to suddenly snap off, striking him on the head. Although taken at once to the hospital he did not regain consciousness and passed away on Saturday, December 17.

Funeral services were held from the Irma United Church on Dec. 20. Full obituary next issue.

The deepest sympathies of all go to Mrs. Hines and the two young sons, Jackie and Dwight.

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Our Xmas Issue

The spirit of good will certainly pervades every page of our annual Christmas issue. Printed in green ink, it presents a "holiday look." It has also enthused a great deal of extra mechanical work for our hard working staff but they have been cheerful about it and we feel that the effort has been well worth while. This issue would not be possible without the good will and co-operation of almost all business places and firms in town.

Thanks and appreciation also go to the correspondents who have sent in news items during the past year.

We join with all the expressions of good will and best wishes for a glad Yuletide season and Happy New Year.

Northern Nuggets

Glen-Coa Gleanings

Mr. and Mrs. Erling Larson are the proud parents of a baby girl, born December 10.

Mr. Del Smith is recovering from an appendix operation in the Mannville hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones were Edmonton visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cox are spending the Christmas holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Currie.

Other folks that are spending the holidays at their respective homes are Miss Edith Jones, Mrs. Ronald Currie, David Bars and Fred Kuwica.

The annual meeting of the Buffalo Coulee W.L. was held recently at the home of Mrs. Haakon Larson. The officers elected for the coming year are: President, Mrs. Archie Fleming; First vice-Pres. Mrs. Louise Larson; second vice-Pres. Mrs. G. Coulterman; Secretary, Mrs. Edgert Jones; Treas., Mrs. Alf Larson. The directors are Mrs. Bob Lukens, Mrs. Wm. Mathews and Mrs. P. Prosser.

Mr. H. H. Currie had the misfortune to fall down his cellar stairs last Thursday and suffered a broken leg. He is resting comfortably in the Mannville hospital and is making a rapid recovery.

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UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 25
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Special Christmas program.
Carol Singing 7 p.m.
Worship service 7:30 p.m.
Come and worship on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Christmas Story still has its ancient power to transform man's thinking, and attitudes, inspiring him to deeds of Love and Mercy. When we remember that God so loved the world that He sent His Son to Bethlehem, we are moved to make that Love a reality in life.

How appropriate it is in our land that the earth is covered with new snow, hiding all the remains of the preceding season. It symbolizes what happened when Christ was born: The old ways passed into oblivion, and a new way was born into the world.

The Christians began to observe the birthday of the Christ very early in the Christian Era. We have many racial traditions that have become a part of our Christmas celebrations, but let us never forget that it is the Christ whom we honor and all should be centered around Him.

The Heavenly Hosts rejoiced and praised God when he came, so may we give thanks to God with heart and mind and voice, and so live that we shall take our place in the great company of those who love Him.

Rev. H. W. Inglis.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

There will be Celebration of Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church on Christmas Day at 2:00 p.m. Kindly note change of time for this service. You are cordially invited to worship with us at this service.

AVONGLEN GOSPEL MISSION

Dec. 25 to 31
Sunday
11 a.m.—Special Christmas service with a Christmas story for children, and special Christmas numbers.

Tuesday
8 p.m.—Bible study and prayer service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Schieck.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth . . . No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, He hath declared him." John 1:1, 14, 18.

Since Season's Greetings to all our friends!

NOTICE TO FARMERS

No hogs will be shipped on Monday, Dec. 26, but will be accepted as usual on Monday, Jan. 2.

G.T.P. Shipping Ass'n.

10-17-24 Carl Anquist.



A Grateful Tribute

THE WORK OF THE RED CROSS SOCIETY goes on at all times and its benefits are felt by people in many walks of life and under varied circumstances. While the peacetime activities of this great organization are extensive, and its service to humanity never diminishes, it receives more attention from the public in time of war, when the need for the type of help it provides is especially great. It is doubtful if there was any community in Canada which did not have its Red Cross group during the war, and many thousands of women worked tirelessly to provide comforts and necessities for the armed forces and for civilian victims of the war.

An Instance Of Friendship

Recently the Canadian Red Cross in Britain closed down after ten years of service in that country. In commenting on that event, the London Times published a leading article under the heading "Help From Canada". The newspaper said "No better instance of practical friendship could be found than the record of the Canadian Red Cross, which is now closing down in Britain after ten years of splendid service. It leaves behind as a standing memorial, the Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Clivden, which is, among other things, a research centre for rheumatic-cardiac conditions in children. All this work had its source in thousands of local committees, and small workrooms scattered throughout Canada, and, on this side of the Atlantic, thousands of men and women remember gratefully the benefits received through this great spontaneous welling-up of Canadian generosity."

Is Appreciated By Many Here

This tribute will be appreciated by the many people in Canada who have supported the work of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and by those who were associated with the activities which were carried on in Britain during the war. It is always to be hoped that there will be no further need for an effort comparable to that referred to in the "Times", but that gracious expression of appreciation serves to remind us of the very worthwhile results of the work of the Red Cross. It should also serve to impress upon us the need to give unremitting support to this organization which does so much to relieve suffering and provide comfort whenever such help is needed.



West Receives Large Amounts From Insurance

By The Canadian Press
One of the steadiest flows of money coming into Canadian pocketbooks is that from life insurance.

It is, too, largely "bread and butter" money — spent for necessities, and so goes into the most basic of the average family's life: Food, clothing, housing, education.

While a large portion of it goes to support dependants after the death of a policy-holder, more than half goes to the living policy-holder often to support his or her income in later years.

In the first nine months of this year, for instance, Canadian families were paid more than \$154,937,000 in the 50-odd Canadian, British and United States life insurance companies.

Of this, about \$50,000,000 was in death payments, and some \$25,450,000 in payments to living policy-holders.

In Saskatchewan \$1,417,175 was paid out in death claims on 629 ordinary policies; \$33,100 on 125 industrial policies; and \$104,330 on 75 group certificates. Total death claim for the year to date is \$1,554,613 on 829 policies. The average death claim in Saskatchewan was approximately \$1,875 compared with the national average of about \$1,200.

The figures from the Canadian Life Insurance Officers association, give the death payments by provinces in the nine months, as follows (number of policies on which death payments made, in brackets):

Prince Edward Island \$275,509 (124); Nova Scotia \$1,828,050 (1,727); British Columbia \$1,280,708 (1,137); Quebec \$1,783,092 (1,539); Manitoba \$27,455,065 (22,072); Manitoba \$26,231 (1,955); Saskatchewan \$1,554,613 (829); Alberta \$2,589,193 (1,381); British Columbia \$4,332,467 (2,936).

Newfoundland figures are not yet available, and the breakdown by provinces of the amounts paid to living policy-holders is not given.

MANITOBA SUGAR YIELD LARGEST IN HISTORY

WINNIPEG. — The Manitoba sugar factory in suburban Fort Garry has wound up its 1949 work-schedule, completing the harvesting of 248,000,000 pounds of the best harvest in the history of the province. It turned 248,000,000 pounds of sugar beets into approximately 35,000,000 pounds of sugar, 17,000,000 pounds of dried beet pulp and 8,000,000 pounds of molasses. Company officials say the sugar alone, when turned over to retail stores, will bring about \$3,500,000.

EXPECT RETURN OF WILD DUCKS TO SOUTHWEST ALTA.

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. — For the first time in the history of the great bison herds, wild ducks are expected to return soon to the wind-swept corner of southwest Alberta. The completion in 1951 of the St. Mary-Milk River irrigation project will create a 102-square-mile lake and a web of irrigation ditches.

Planning Ball Tournament

KERROBERT. — The Kerrobert Kinnamen is already distributing pamphlets and advertising for a \$2,000 baseball tournament to be held on June 14-15. The club hopes to attract eight of western Canada's outstanding clubs.



PRIZE WINNER — Polled Hereford "Nabob Otto", a yearling steer, owned by Malcolm McGregor of Brandon, Man., won first prize in the open competition Junior Yearling Hereford steer class at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto. Wilfred Mossina is at the halter.

Recommend New Grain Species For Certain Areas In Manitoba

WINNIPEG. — One new variety each of wheat, oats and flax has been recommended for certain areas of Manitoba by the cereal committee of the Manitoba Agronomists. Reporting to the 29th annual conference of the organization which opened in the legislative building, the committee headed by J. N. Welsh, advised the use of:

1. Saunders wheat as a second choice to Redman or Thatcher in the Swan River valley because of its early maturing date.

2. Fortune oats throughout most of the province because of its resistance to smut and good yield.

3. Sheyenne flax in northern Manitoba because of its early maturing.

Less than one per cent. of the province's wheat acreage is now sown to varieties that are not recommended. D. M. McLean told the conference.

Two other varieties, Mida with Green and Hippo with Timtean, have been produced in the United States with excellent yield, the committee reported. The decision on licensing them is pending the results of several years' milling and baking tests.

W. H. Johnston and Prof. S. B. Helgason indicated that Montcalm and Vantage barleyes continued to give outstanding yield results. Titan, recommended for the first time last year, has been recommended again along with the other two varieties. They advised further testing of the American barley strain Moore before its general use in Manitoba.

Dr. P. J. Olson told the agronomists that Royal flax should be taken off the preferred list because of its susceptibility to rust and its delayed maturity. He recommended Dakota and Rocket for most of the province.

The young couple were finding out about the joys of a joint bank account.

"The bank has returned your last cheque," said the husband grimly. "Goody," gurgled the bride. "What should I buy with it next?"

Mother (to small son wandering around the room) — What are you looking for?

Son — Shopping!

Mother — You'll find it in the box where the cookies were.

"You presumptuous young whippersnapper! You have the colossal nerve to ask for my daughter's hand? Will you be so good as to tell me how you expect to give her what she's been used to?"

"Well, sir, I am — think I can. I've got a bad temper myself."

"We want to buy a silver coffee pot for presentation to our local M.P."

"In that case, gentlemen, I'd better show you something with a long spout."

"My wife tells me that your wife displayed a remarkable knowledge of parliamentary law at the Women's Club the other afternoon."

"Well, great Scott! Why shouldn't she? She's been speaker of our house for 15 years."

A solicitor was walking along the street when he met a friend to whom he had recently given some simple legal advice, and to whom he had sent his usual size bill.

"Nice day, isn't it?" remarked the friend, and then added, hastily: "But I'm not asking you: I'm telling you."

THE TILLERS



Wapella's Large Memorial Rink Result Of Fine Community Spirit

WAPELLA, SASK. — The official opening of Wapella's new Memorial Rink took place on December 16th and 17th with Premier T. C. Douglas in attendance. The opening programs consisted of a masquerade carnival and a moccasin dance on the 16th, with good entertainment of figure skating by members from the Queen City Figure Skating Club of Regina, which was followed by a hockey game between the local boys and the Mooseomin Badgers on the 17th. Record crowds attended both evenings' entertainment.

The opening of the rink was one built of lumber with an aluminum sheet roof covering. The estimated cost is \$25,000, which has rightly to be proud of, as it was the climax of untiring and unstinted efforts of many who through donations, entertainments and voluntary help made the rink one of the largest and most modern rinks on the main line east of Regina, and has become a great asset to the whole of Wapella and district.

The rink is 210 feet long and 90 feet wide, with an ice surface of 175 by 72 feet, and has a seating capacity between 1,000 and 2,000. There is a large waiting room, 60 by 20 feet, and two dressing rooms. All the rooms are fully insulated with forced hot air heating system. One of the outstanding features of the rink is that all spectators can see the whole ice surface without any posts obstructing the view. It is

when it was decided to build the rink a committee was formed composed of E. B. Gordon, chairman; H. E. Carlisle, G. Chapman, W. Samerman, H. E. Morris, R. Hartman with Miss E. Adams as secretary-treasurer. The construction was under the supervision of G. L. Robertson and assisted by F. H. Dean. Great credit is due to the above for their untiring efforts.

It is the intention that the rink will be used in the summer by the Wapella Agricultural Society for the whole fair and other agricultural posts.



The above is a picture of Wapella's new Memorial Rink recently opened, which is considered the largest and most modern rink on the main line east of Regina.

Baptists May Take Over Church Of Presbyterians

N.H.L. Sport Notes

Left-Hand Shots Predominate

CORDOVA, ALASKA. — The Presbyterian Church of Cordova may make Baptists out of a whole congregation of Presbyterians.

That is the effect of a vote to turn over the church to the Baptists.

The move is part of a proposal under which the Baptist Home Mission Society of Cordova will take over operation of the Cordova Community Center. The Baptists offered to operate and staff the hospital, but insisted they also take over the local Presbyterian church.

The Baptists also have agreed to repay the Presbyterians \$25,000 representing the original grant under which the church was built. Final approval of the plan must be given by the Yukon Presbytery.

SUGGEST RENAMING OF HIGHWAY

PENTICTON, B.C. — Suggestion that the "wonderful" Hope-Princeton Road be given a more fitting name was made at a Penticton Board of Trade meeting recently.

Larry Ercoyd said a name should be chosen that is more "suggestive of the wonderful road it is."

Speaking of the increased traffic the road will bring to Penticton, Mr. Ercoyd said it might be necessary to eliminate parking on Main street.

Directors of the company will include Fred Staples of Calgary; E. R. McFarland of Lethbridge; Roy Marler of Vancouver, Alta., and Ray Milner of Edmonton.

"Alberta Field Gas Lines Limited" has been formed in Edmonton, it was announced.

The company will plan its plants which call for creation of one provincial gathering system integrated with existing natural gas pipelines. "We will avoid wasteful and unnecessary duplication and overlapping which always results in excessive costs to ultimate gas consumers."

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"Alberta Field Gas Lines Limited" has been formed in Edmonton, it was announced.

The company will act as a marketing processor and a common carrier and will be prepared to deliver natural gas to those companies which obtain permits to export it from the province.

"The company intends to make a public issue of the stock."

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House Is Victim Of Trucks Failing To Turn

BRIDGEVILLE, Pa. — When Mrs. Elizabeth Kirby of Bridgeville, Pa., heard the resounding crash that rocked the house, she knew exactly what it was — another truck!" she observes placidly, and goes to see what part of her home went this time. Four times in the past two years, trucks have failed to make the turn at the foot of a nearby hill, and landed in various parts of the Kirby residence. This week a truck took the corner of the living room and front porch.

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Canadians played their first game in the N.H.A. on January 5, 1910, at the Westmount Arena, defeating Detroit, 7-6 in overtime. The game at that time consisted of two 30-minute periods and a team was not allowed to change players. Seven Canadians were the vogue at that time.

Umberto On The Road

In their first eight games of the season played on the road, Detroit Red Wings were undefeated. The Wings won six games and tied two.

To Feel Right — Eat Right

— By Les Cariol



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Surprise In The Arctic

By ESTHER V. W. TUFTY
(Central Press Canadian Correspondent)

ROVANIEMI, Finland.—Our party of British and U.S. reporters had a big surprise 'way up here in the northern wasteland of Finland.

After a hard, complete, 100 per cent. complete wartime destruction job the retreating German had done on the northern Lapland area and we expected we'd need to manage with some worse-than-crude hotel arrangements.

Our eyes popped when our airport bus rolled up to a brand new modernistic hotel with some innovations unknown even in North America.

It was a hotel with a fireplace.

There was a roaring fire.

There was a fine fireplace of stones.

There were vines and scarlet geraniums, a favorite flower in Finland!

The Finnish people love flowers.

Sometimes a poor housewife will

come home from the market with

little food but always a flower. The

first store opened when the evacuees

came back after the war was a flower shop!

The Finnish spread included such delicacies as smoked mountain trout and thin slices of reindeer meat, which resemble our dried beef. Delicious!

The cocktail was a pleasant blend of aquavit with a Yakkki berry doing duty.

Again — recommended!

Houses are few and streets just

passable, but food is plentiful.

The best was served at a luncheon given in our honor the next day by the city council.

Courses after courses came — with

every platter decorated with flowers

and seasoned with dill.

Our host, the gaunt Deputy Mayor

Valmo Kosenen, likes to repeat a re-

markable story. George Marshall:

"Food has been scarce and like

"Lapland certainly was. First the

Laplanders were friendly with the

German soldiers who were helping them fight Russia in the winter war of 1940. Then when Russia forced them to fight the Germans, they left

their homes knowing the German

soldiers would destroy everything as

they retreated.

The desolation left behind is today



A fine Arctic view is gained from the Rovaniemi hotel's picture window. The chairs are upholstered luxuriously in soft red and yellow.

—Esther V. W. Tufty, Central Press Canadian Correspondent

enabled by the miraculous comeback made since the time when their houses were burnt down, bridges blown up and their land mined as German troops tramped on toward escape to Norway!

When the first evacuees returned in 1945, they lived in caves and little huts of cardboard. Governor Wuno Haukula, a man of great spirit, issued a proclamation forbidding children to come to town.

However, today in his house so now the timber-small lingers, he brags about the Finnish courage of parents who answered him by building a schoolhouse.

As we travelled from Rovaniemi north to the Arctic circle, we saw many relics of the destruction.

Then our bus reached tiny Kittila

and there stood, untouched, a white painted church. Why the Germans didn't blast that, two, is unknown. Later, an entire town lived in the church!

To make the recovery-building of cities as handsome as possible, one of Finland's noted architects, Alvar Aalto, designed many with great beauty of line. He laid out the city of Rovaniemi.

The interiors of the two hotels and the children's tuberculosis hospital were bright with light woods, and both the arrangement of furniture were functional, simple and pleasing.

Did they do the rebuilding all by themselves? The Laplanders are grateful to UNRRA and the Quakers who early rushed to their aid, but are fiercely proud of their own ability to stake a comeback.

Check Winter Hazards

This is a good time to check on accident hazards which the cold incidentally creates.

1. Loose material should be gathered up around the grounds and destroyed if of no value. Sidewalks and platforms should be checked and repaired made where necessary. Where possible provision should be made to eliminate the possibility of ice forming on walks, platforms and stairs.

2. Ventilating systems, especially those gardens and attics, and repair shops should be given very close inspection and any pipes damaged during the summer months repaired. Hose or metal tubing for attaching to exhaust of cars should be checked over and repaired.

3. Oil burners should be checked and instructions describing the safe methods of lighting should be posted at all such equipment. Workmen should be warned never to stand directly in front of the firebox when lighting the burner or of starting a spark. Back flashes when lighting can be minimized by the installation of pilot lights or some other suitable safe starting device.

4. Ice and snow slipping hazards—

The best method is to avoid them by removing the snow or slush before it forms into ice. In areas where this is not practicable, make sure that gritty materials are on hand for spreading over icy areas. Use sand, gravel, fine cinders or salt. To prevent abrasives from being swept up by wind and traffic, dry sand can be mixed with sodium chloride (salt) or calcium chloride.

5. In the operation of trucks or automobiles, all drivers should understand that accidents go up as the temperature goes down. Ice roads and poor visibility make reduced speeds necessary.

6. Falling on icy ground — When about to fall on icy ground, a person usually tries desperately not to fall. He contracts his body and limbs violently, throws up his arms, and falls with one small part of his body contacting the ground. His brittle bones are often broken. But if he can, on the contrary, be relaxed, the whole body ought to "unfold" flexibly in the direction of the fall. If the feet slip on icy pavement, the relaxed body can usually "slump" to the ground with the weight distributed on thighs, hips and hands. In falling forward, or to either side, learn, like the football player and the acrobat, to meet the ground with a slight roll, without injury. Learn to relax and take the bumps with a roll!

Sweeney Schriner Blames U.S. Fans For Today's Hockey

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.—A former National Hockey League star blames the blood-and-thunder desire of United States fans for the "shocking" hockey playing in Canada.

In an interview here, Dave (Sweeney) Schriner, coach of North Sydney Victors of the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League, said there is far too much elbowing, high sticking and boarding by the three-team CBL.

The former high-scoring left wing with Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Americans said:

"It's the way most of the clubs are playing in the National Hockey League. And it's all because the fans in the United States demand bodily contact. In Canada, we used to be satisfied with fast, stylish hockey with the accent on passing. Now we want chippy hockey."

Helpful Hints

To clean a stained enamel kettle, cook applesauce or tomatoes in it. These foods may be eaten — there is no danger.

Linoleum can be spoiled with too much attention. Recommended care for the floor covering includes a daily dusting, weekly mopping with a damp mop and plain water, and a waxing every fortnight. Soap-and-water scrubbing should be limited to two or three times a year, say the experts.

The metal molybdenum will not melt below 4,760 degrees Fahrenheit.

Tips For Fire Prevention Of Yule Decorations

Preparations for a merry Christmas holiday season should include fire prevention precautions to make the decorations safe. Christmas trees, wreaths, evergreen swags and even holiday dinners are potential fire hazards unless they are properly handled.

Here are tips from fire prevention experts on how to safeguard your home against a holiday fire-up:

Keep Christmas trees, wreaths and evergreen swags away from open flame heaters. If the Christmas tree is near a radiator, turn off the heat to slow down the drying out of needles and branches. Don't let trees touch window curtains. Tuck drapes up over the curtain rods, if necessary, to keep them out of contact with flammable decorations.

Cords and plugs of tree lights should be inspected for signs of fraying or damage. If the insulation of the bulbs starts to turn needles brown, shift the light to another position. Don't leave the lights burning when you're not in the room.

When Christmas presents are opened, gather up the wrappings. The papers and tinsel should be folded neatly and stowed in a fire-proof metal wastebasket or tin can until they can be disposed of.

Grease fires in the kitchen are an added hazard during the holidays when the oil and butter diners are cooked. The recommended way is to smother the fire instead of cooling it with water. Experts suggest keeping a lightweight fire extinguisher near the stove ready for such emergencies. Carbon dioxide is one smothering agent used in extinguishers which will blight a fire without leaving a greasy, oily, sooty residue.

New lightweight portable extinguishers filled with carbon dioxide have a trigger trip for quick action against fire.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

HUMAN CAPACITIES

Men are often capable of greater things than they perform. They are sent into the world with bills of credit, and seldom draw to their full extent. —Walpole.

It is a wise man who can see that it may be, cannot be productive without culture, so the mind without cultivation can never produce good fruit. —Seneca.

The block of granite which was an obstacle in the pathway of the weak, becomes a steppingstone in the pathway of the strong. —Thomas Carlyle.

The mind, unmastered by passions, is a very citadel, for a man has no fortress more impregnable wherein to find refuge and be unbroken for ever. —Marcus Aurelius.

We never know how high we are till we are called to rise; And then, if we are true to plan, Our statues touch the skies. —Emily Dickinson.

ONTARIO THE UNKNOWN

A Toronto woman spent some time at a small hotel in Alberta town. After a short conversation with the proprietress, the woman said she was from Toronto. On hearing this, the hostess told her she had five brothers living there. "What part of Toronto?" our citizen asked. "Well," replied the westerner, "three of them live in Hamilton and two in Oshawa!"

To Feel Right — Eat Right

Mechanical Cow Produces Grade-A Pasteurized Milk

WASHINGTON.—Now they've invented a mechanical cow.

It apparently does everything but moo. Instead, it clanks. But, aside from that defect, the mechanical cow does produce pasteurized, homogenized grade-A milk which the manufacturer says, tastes just like the stuff you buy from the corner grocer.

The facts of this 20th-century crea-

tion were placed on the record of the recent congressional session by Representative Reid F. Murray, Republican of Wisconsin.

The cow, he reported, was constructed by Dr. Charles E. North, of New Paltz, N.Y. It is now in use for United States troops in the Far East. There it slakes their thirst via seven machines turning out 22,700 gallons of milk daily, the equivalent of a herd of 7,500 head of live cattle.

Other such "cows", he added, soon will be supplying milk in the Philippines, Venezuela, Trinidad, Curacao and Argentina.

The secret of the mechanical cow apparently is in the method of taking the water out of the milk back in again at its destination. Unlike powdered milk, the new product so resembles untempered milk that you can't tell the difference.

The procedure is to separate the solid milk and the water on the continent in huge centrifuges, pack these under intense processes which preserve flavor and original composition and ship them to any place where milk is needed.

There, the two are put back together again with distilled water in a machine called the mechanical cow—and the result is a milk tasting almost as fresh as from the cow.

The recombinant milk is being introduced in places where milk supplies are poor or non-existent, such as tropical regions in which dairy cattle do not thrive. It may eventually be sold on this continent. The manufacturers say recombinant milk could be sold in New York for as little as 15 cents a quart, considerably below prevailing prices for the fresh product.

Prayer

By G. H. SLOUS

Prayer is the vital "key" to successful Christian living; it should be the sole and most important act of daily life.

We perhaps think of it today as a tradition to be fulfilled at bedtime, or in church, but I am not sure we admit prayer into our lives with the reasonableness and understanding that Paul suggested should be a part of our daily lives.

The council, which seldom gives way to adjectives, added that the parts contained in the gadget were sturdy, reliable, interchangeable and versatile.

Prize Whopper

The Penguin Nestor is good to have, to be careful with its stories, or first thing it knows some unworthy critic will be bemoaning them. There's one, for example, about a man who had been away from Ferguson for 35 years and arrived home to find his mother looking a woman of less than 30. And how to quote: "Tell tell you how it is," said his mother.

"You know it is," said his mother. "You know it is," said his mother. "You know it is," said his mother. "You know it is," said his mother.

He has been experimenting with a medicine. He let us try it. Every spoonful you take makes you 10 years younger. That's why I look to be only 30 years old." "Why, that's amazing," exclaimed Charlie, "and I suppose this is my little brother." replied the westerner. "Three of them live in Hamilton and two in Oshawa!"

To Feel Right — Eat Right

His Favorite Sport



Many Canadian lads ask for nothing more than a chance to play their favorite sport, hockey, and grapple any cold weather in doing so. This young hockey player is checking his stick with a feeling of pride, as he is sure his team will beat all others. Boys in Western Canada go long distances to play hockey on ponds and rinks, and get up early in morning to do so.

HERE'S HEALTH



There once was a man from Dordandy who ate fruit from Monday to Sunday. If he'd eaten his fruit up his brown bread and turnip he'd be here now poor man from Dordandy.

Smile of the Week

GET PERMISSION
"You down there!" shouted father, from the head of the stairs. "It's two-thirty! Do you think you can start an eight-hour day?"
"Er, father?" said the callow love. "But I'll have to phone home first."

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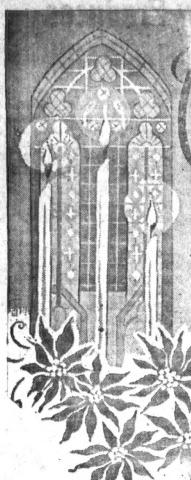
We have said that there is too much asking in our prayers, and this is because of the kind of things we ask. But there is certainly a place for petition in prayer. Jesus Himself suggested that we should ask with assurance that we shall receive, but petition out of the fear of the selfish and covetous thought. Jesus prayed for strength to do the thing that His Father wanted Him to do. There should be a complete dedication of ourselves, like the most moving prayer that has ever been offered, when Jesus in Gethsemane prayed: "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done." Pray with understanding, that you may know God and His ways, and make them your own.

For a happy and progressive Christian life, prayer is a "must".

GOOD LIGHTING ESSENTIAL

Good lighting in industrial plants and offices, as well as in schools and homes, is a necessity where maintenance of health and operating efficiency is concerned.

Contrary to popular belief, camels do not carry extra water in the hump, but in stomach pouches.



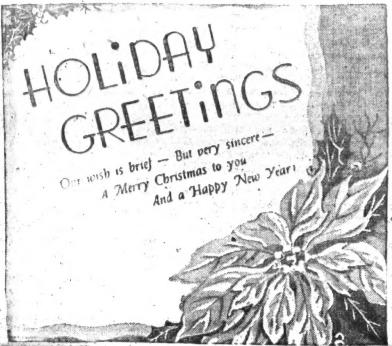
Christmas

Greetings

Once again we extend to you our wish that you may enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year. Let us each do our share to promote peace among men as well as nations. Honesty, fair dealing and friendliness will bring peace on earth and good will among men if we will put them to use. A smile, a friendly word and a helping hand are small investments, but bring such rich returns.

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H. L. BLACK, Manager

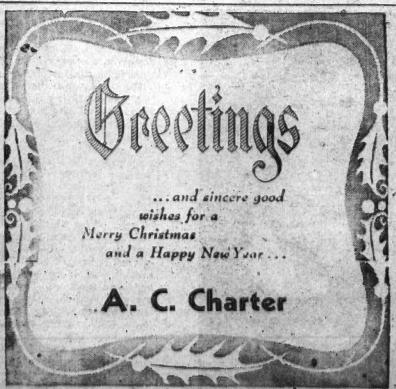


Shamrock Coffee Shop

Mrs. E. Murphy



Irma Post Office



God rest you merry gentlemen, All you within this place,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ your saviour
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we had gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Now to the Lord sing praises,

es Resolutions

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ended on the 21st day of December, 1949, the 1949 convention of the Canadian Wheat Pool directors of Alberta, expressed the following resolutions:

That the Board of Directors investigate the matter of safety devices on farm tractors and implements.

That the delegates go on record as approving soil conservation programs.

That the Wheat Board be contacted with a request that stocks of wheat, oats and barley suitable for seed be retained in country elevators until domestic seed requirements have been ascertained.

That the Canadian Wheat Board be asked to rigidly enforce delivery quota regulations; also that quotas should not be raised until a careful investigation is made.

That the present shrinkage allowance on dry grain at local country elevators be raised from one-quarter per cent to one-half per cent.

That the tolerance of other grains in No. 1 feed oats be raised from 12 per cent to 20 per cent, and in No. 1 feed barley from 4 per cent to 12 per cent.

That the cost of education in rural Alberta should be borne by the provincial government to the extent of 50 per cent.

That the Pool directors and management discuss the distribution of cars with railway companies with a view to obtaining a more efficient method.

That the Pool directors investigate methods of marketing coarse grains in which the element of speculation would not enter into the price as between producer and consumer.

Further resolutions passed were the following:

That the distribution of coal at country points be undertaken by the Alberta Wheat Pool where the service is requested by the majority of members.

That negotiations be conducted

Alfalfa As a Protein Supplement

The increase which has taken place in livestock and poultry production in Canada in the past few years has resulted in increased demand for protein supplements. At the same time there has been a shortage of these supplements.

Fortunately there are many vegetable proteins which can be successfully produced on most farms, and of these, alfalfa is probably the best, if it is cut at the right stage and properly cured, states A. G. Kusch, Dominion Experimental Station, Scott, Sask.

Because of its high protein content, nearly on a par with wheat bran, alfalfa assumes a position of importance more than ever before. It is not only rich in digestible protein but contains appreciable amounts of vitamins for young growing animals.

Alfalfa thrives on almost any kind of soil that has good drainage and is not too acid. It seems to do especially well on the lighter loams and sandy soils in north-central Saskatchewan.

Used as a green pasture during the summer months, alfalfa is not only a valuable source of protein, but also supplies necessary minerals and vitamins. As hay it is also a valuable source of protein, but care should be taken in harvesting to retain as much of the protein content as possible. When cut before bloom, and properly cured, alfalfa hay contains about 14 per cent digestible protein; when cut about mid-bloom, the protein content drops to about 11 per cent, and drops still further to about ten per cent if cut when about three-quarters of the plants in the swath are in bloom. It has also been determined that the leaves contain about 22 per cent and the stems vest about 10 per cent of the digestible protein.

Hints From The Home Designing Office

Here's an idea to prevent tubular metal furniture from marking linoleum. Just apply cellulose tape to each corner of the chair legs. Being transparent, the tape is inconspicuous, and it is easy to renew when worn.

To remove a white ring caused by a beverage glass on a varnished surface, try rubbing the discolored area with cigarette ash, moistened with water. Rub the ring gently with a piece of cleaning tissue, and then finish with furniture polish. The ash acts like pumice.

When polishing brass door plates or light switch plates, you don't have to worry about getting metal polish on the woodwork or wallpaper. All you have to do, is to cut a cardboard mask to fit snugly around the plate, and hold it in position while polishing.

Bearing these points in mind, it would appear that the best time to cut alfalfa for hay in order to retain as much protein as possible, consistent with yield, is at the commencement of bloom. Besides early cutting will improve the prospects of a second crop.

Since the leaves contain considerably more protein than the stems, it is desirable that as much of the leaf as possible be retained. This not only means cutting in a young stage, but entails special care with haying operations. The hay should be only partially cured, and then raked into windrows for completion of curing. The use of equipment which harvests the stems vests from the windrow and cuts only 10 per cent of the digestible protein on handling is desirable for avoiding loss of leaf.

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May Christmas
and the
New Year be
bright with happiness
for you.

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Station



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that they may continue."

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Always Starting Hog Car

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Edmonton No Place To Look for a Job

Those people intent on making Edmonton their new home should carefully weigh the merits and demerits of such action before leaving present jobs. Unless they make prior arrangements for employment they are liable to meet with the hardships of the situation which now prevails in the Alberta capital. Many people there are looking for work, and few jobs are available.

In an interview in Edmonton, William Carnill, manager of the National Employment Office, stated that "our office has 3,036 workers registered for employment. We have only 668 jobs to offer them."

Good seed oats are scarce. Barley is scarce too, and the time to look for it is now. The Alberta Department of Agriculture is doing all it can to make these cereals easy for you to buy. Your District Agriculturist and your Service Board Supervisor are looking out for your interests, but you can't expect them to do it all.

If you need seed phone them now, or call the first time you are in town. If they know where there's seed for sale close by, and they'll know if there's any around them, they'll be glad to tell you about it. If there is no good seed in your area this is what to do.

Go to your elevator agent. Tell him how much you want to buy and ask him to list your name. Grain companies will help out if there is no seed in the district. They'll ship it only in carloads, but in a district where the home-grown grain is unfit for seed, orders can be made up if you let them know NOW what you need.

The thing to remember is that every delay in making arrangements for seed grain will make it harder to obtain good seed. If you need seed, PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW.

Personal hardship can be avoided in many instances by workers considering moving themselves and families this coming winter. Mr. White said, "if only they will contact their Employment Office. All of our offices can secure pertinent information in job prospects in any part of Canada. People should look before they leap; they should not give up present employment or housing accommodation unless they have been assured of full-time work at their destination."

CHRISTMAS SEAL RETURNS COMING IN SATISFACTORY

Christmas Seal returns are coming in very well, both locally and provincially. It was announced today from Christmas Seal Headquarters, \$41,500 has been received to date from Edmonton and Northern Alberta, according to Geo. Lord, chairman of the Kinsmen Club Christmas Seal Committee, the objective being \$65,000. This still leaves \$23,500 to be collected between now and Dec. 31.

Mr. Lord said, "We earnestly hope that all those who have not yet contributed will do so very soon, as it would be a grand thing if we could reach our objective by the end of the year. There could be no better way of expressing the Christmas spirit than by sending in that contribution to help stamp out T.B."

The Provincial total now stands at \$98,860. It is reported by C. Robert Dickey, general secretary Alberta Tuberculosis Association, toward a provincial objective of \$155,000. This is nearly two-thirds of the total required by the association in order to continue its many anti-tuberculosis activities in Alberta during 1950. Mr. Dickey pointed out that the Tuberculosis Association receives no financial support from governments, community chests, nor any other source, but the voluntary contributions of the people through the Christmas Seal sale.

Contributions may be sent to the Kinsmen Club Christmas Seal Office, Heintzman Hall, Edmonton, Alberta, and are allowable income tax deductions.



May your Christmas be
merry and its joy and
happiness spread through-
out the glad New Year!

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May all the joys of
Christmas be yours and
may your New Year
overflow with happiness.

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SAFE IN YOUR HEART

By ANNA E. WILSON

EPH MILLER put the finishing touches to his neat hedge, and stopped to listen to Mannie Bell calling her small son, Lomie. Lomie was safe enough in the care of his married sister, Carol, but Mannie could not rest until Lomie was out of her sight. Eph thought that it was too bad that Mannie didn't know what Gwendolyn Baker had so painfully found out. Gwendolyn had put it this way: you don't need to be near the people you love to possess them, if you have them safe in your heart.

It seemed only yesterday that he had been cutting the hedge and stopped to listen to the hurt tones of Gwendolyn. "Of course, Randy, if you're rather go alone." He had almost dropped the shears at Randy's brusque, "Now there's no need for you to go down town in this heat, mother." Then the slam of the car door as Randy moved out of the house. Somehow, it made Eph think of Molly.

Folks had been surprised when Molly left Randy and went to live with her brother. The Baker house was by far the best in Oneville, and everybody knew that Mrs. Baker adored her daughter-in-law. Everybody had been surprised, that is but Eph. Eph knew that Molly had come to the town that she had to have a life of their own, had grown tired of the tears and hysterics by which pretty, spoiled Gwendolyn Baker ruled Randy and Randy's home.

Molly was plump, red-haired and pretty; loved sunshine and fresh air, looking forward always into the future. Part of Gwendolyn's power over Randy lay in her looks of the past. Randy's father had died when Randy was a child and Gwendolyn had promptly set up the Grey Room. The Grey Room had been Mr. Baker's study and Gwendolyn kept it as a shrine to his memory, letting no one dust it but herself and putting fresh flowers daily before the large framed picture of Randy's dad.

Molly hated the room. The stuffy odor of wood over the musty gave her the creeps. She never felt safe with the rows of guns in racks along the walls. She hated the picture of Randy's dad and the feeling of misery and depression that the room seemed to give to the whole house. "Randy," she cried out one day, "your father was never like that. Dad said he was a hero. Why is it he's kind of a scold?" But Molly had been unable to overcome the influence of Gwendolyn and she moved out.

Eph had remembered how Randy had gone about the place trying to look as if he didn't care when Molly left. How, at last, he'd begun to grow inaptimate to work, to go out to play golf more and more at the club. He no longer noticed when Gwendolyn refused to eat her dinner and he played chess for hours with old Mr. Covey, who had been a friend of his dad's.

It seemed, Eph told himself now, as if Randy'd been trying to get to know his father by talking to his dad and friends instead of his brother, visiting the Boy's Club and the Civic Monument. It wasn't until Mrs. Baker took to her bed with a feigned attack of influenza that Randy began to act at last.

Delicious CRUMB COFFEE CAKE

Recipe

Measure into bowl, 1/4 cup lukewarm sugar, 1/4 cup granulated sugar, 1/2 cup all purpose flour, 1/2 cup shortening, 1/2 cup milk, 1 envelope Fleischmann's Royal Fast Acting Dry Yeast, 1/2 cup water, 1/2 cup oil, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup flour, 1/2 cup melted butter, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 cup baking powder, 1/2 cup chopped nuts. Bake one hour at 350 degrees.



Stay fresh and full strength on your pantry shelf for weeks! Here's all you do:

- In a small amount (usually specified) of lukewarm water, dissolve thoroughly 1 teaspoon sugar for each envelope of yeast.
- Stir with dry yeast. Let stand 10 minutes.
- Then stir well. (The water used with the yeast counts as 1 part of the total liquid called for in your recipe.)

Order a month's supply!

"You Don't Need To Be Near The People You Love To Possess Them."

"You see, mother," Randy's voice was soft, "Molly and I've been thinking that the very best memorial for Dad is a little grandson."

"And even Eph could hear the tremor in Randy's voice when he continued: "It's not you and me anymore, Mother. It's not even Molly and me; it's the two of us doing our best for him. That's natural."

"Now, mother," Randy's voice was brusque, "there's no need to carry on. The museum's a better place for the moose's head, especially since Dad didn't shoot it. Dad couldn't have hurt a fly. And the proper place for the guns is down at the Grey Room Club." Then Gwendolyn dissolved tears and added gently, "Besides, Mother, there are better things to remember Dad by than a lot of fakes. Mr. Covey tells me that Dad was responsible for the Civic Monument and that he built the Boy's Hall."

It was only when an army of plasterers and carpenters moved in that Gwendolyn gave up and went to stay with her brother. Eph had been helping with the plastering and was still there when Randy got a call from the hospital and rushed out.

Eph hoped that Gwendolyn had broken a leg, but he had to leave to visit his married sister in the country and only arrived back in time to see Randy helping his mother out of the hospital with all her care.

Eph helped Randy carry them up, then Randy steered his mother towards the Grey Room and opened the door.

The windows were gay, with bright curtains and the whole room had been painted a pale rose to form a background for a be-ribbed, satin-lined bedsheet. Sitting beside it, bright and cosy, was Molly, feeding her small son.

SELECTED

RECIPES

BROWN SUGAR FUDGE
1/4 cups finely packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup light cream or evaporated milk
1/2 cup butter
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon vanilla
Combine sugar and cream or evaporated milk. Cook slowly, stirring constantly until mixture boils. Remove from heat; add butter without stirring. Cool to lukewarm (110 deg. F.). Pour into mold. When cold, turn out. Trim edges and shape and has creamy consistency.

Pour into greased pan, mark in squares and cool.

BANANA BREAD
1 lb. dates, cut lengthwise
1/2 cup brown sugar, sprinkled over dates
1 egg
1/2 tablespoons melted butter
1 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar, baking powder
Pinch of salt
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Bake one hour at 350 degrees.

Women Speaker

VICTORIA, B.C.—A woman may become speaker of the legislature in British Columbia if elected to that post she would be the first woman to hold such a position in history of the British Commonwealth. Premier Byron Johnson announced in Victoria Mrs. Nancy Hodges, Liberal M.L.A. for Victoria City would be the government choice for speaker. The February 14 sitting will be the first for the coalition government returned to office in the June election.

Veteran Watchmaker

SELKIRK, Man.—James Alfred Rogers, who you might call a clock and watchmaker. He celebrated his 80th birthday recently by remaining on the job at his watch-making shop where he is still working.

Plan Games

EDMONTON—The first tentative exhibition engagements of Edmonton's Marcurians, Canada's entry in the world senior hockey championships overseas next year, were announced by manager J. A. Christianson.—He said that within the next three weeks the team is tentatively slated to appear at Kamloops, Penticton, Lethbridge and Calgary, Alberta; Medicine Hat, Saskatchewan; Brandon, Man., and in the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia.

Band Planning Trip

SASKATOON, Sask.—The Swift Current Boys' band is planning a trip in the Calgary area in 1950, providing sufficient funds are forthcoming. Bandmaster Charlie Warren said.

Form Bell League

BRANDON, Man.—An international baseball league that will include teams from Minot, N.D.; Carman, Brandon Greys and two clubs from Winnipeg was given informal approval at a meeting recently. Final organization plans will be completed at a meeting in Winnipeg Jan. 15. The schedule will run from early May until about Sept. 6.

Open Storage Building

LUMSDEN, Sask.—Canada's first co-operative potato storage building has been opened here. The \$37,000 building is the joint venture of farmers along the Qu'Appelle River with assistance from the Dominion and Saskatchewan governments.

Saskatoon, Moose Jaw Press For Paved Road

SASKATOON.—An association to press for a north-south paved highway between Saskatoon and Moose Jaw was formed recently at a meeting called by the Saskatoon board of trade.

The 30 delegates represented the two cities and a number of towns.

The meeting named the new group and the No. 11 Highway Association chose an executive of 11 members. It will promote grading and paving No. 2 highway from Moose Jaw to Chamberlain and No. 11 from Chamberlain to Dundurn.

Alberta Siamese Twins



Two young gents with problems ahead are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Townsend of Tofield, Alta., who are seen with the healthy Siamese twins recently born to them. At birth babies weighed nine pounds, 12 ounces. Tofield community is near Edmonton, Alta.—S.N.S. photo.

Boys Hired To Drive Used Cars West, Then Told To Find Way Back

(By Mary Fraser in The Globe and Mail, Toronto)

"Go West, Used Car" is the slogan on Toronto's used car lots now as prices go lower.

They are bringing cars out west in convoys, giving young Toronto drivers a long fast ride, and raking in the shekels on high-priced sales.

The system is used to hire six or seven boys, pay their expenses on the way out, give them a daily wage (up to \$3) or a bonus at the trip's end (\$25 to \$40), and leave them to find their own way home.

They disconnect a gearshift in the used car before it leaves Toronto, then connect it at the other end. So a car which has travelled 2,400 miles may have only 400 miles on the gauge.

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Used car dealers in Toronto who have roaded cars out West say there is no profit in it any more—"you can't get any more for a car out there than you can here now."

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They drove for 17 to 18 miles an hour, with the dealer leading the convoy.

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Sees Atomic Fuel Available In Ten Years

MONTREAL.—Dr. David Keys, vice-president of the National Research Council in charge of the atomic energy project at Chalk River, Ont., said it is highly possible that useful power from nuclear energy will be available in "five to 10 years".

The use of nuclear energy as fuel, however, would not be as economical as either oil or coal.

Speaking at the faculty club of McGill University, Dr. Keys said an improvement in the present production methods of atomic energy is required.

When the process has been perfected, he said, it will be possible to operate ships on a few pounds of uranium fission products a year.

Dr. Keys foresees the use of uranium 235 as fuel for submarines and aeroplanes and of atomic energy as the source of light, heat and power services.

"At the time our great grandchildren are adults," he said, "it may be possible that coal will be gone."

New Feed Grain Supplies Below 1948

OTTAWA.—New supplies of feed grains this year are substantially below those last year, the bureau of statistics reported.

But the carry-over from the last crop year is big enough to prevent any "serious feed deficit". The lower supplies were the result of smaller crops of oats, barley and mixed grains in the prairie provinces.

The bureau supplies at .68 tons per "grain-consuming animal unit," about 16 per cent, lower than at the same time last year.

Fashions

By ANNE ADAMS



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Little Boy Collar 'n' cuffs win Big Boys' approval. Darling little datin' outfit has a zippered sweetheart pocket, back interlock pleats. Maybe this simple sewing will bring you a corsage!

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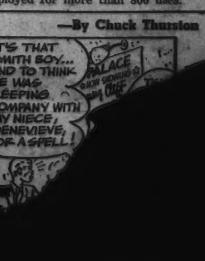
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—By Chuck Thurston



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Let nothing you dismay, 'tis a wretched time to be a
Remember Christ your saviour
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we had gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Now to the Lord sing praises,

How to Get Family Allowances

Because this is the fourth year since the Family Allowances act came into operation, there are many who are not familiar with the regulations and others who, if they knew them, have forgotten some details. The Ontario director of family allowances recently discovered that every month in the past year, over 3,000 families who were entitled to the benefits did not receive them because they did not apply for them in the regulation form.

Most of the losers were newborn infants and some were children of immigrants who did not know that they were eligible or how to become so.

Some parents think that by registering the child's birth, allowance payments would automatically commence. This is an error. Application for family allowances should be made on a special form which can be obtained at any post office in Canada. It should be mailed to the Regional Director of Family Allowances stationed in each province.

Allowance payments will commence a month after the director has received the application form. In the case of a newborn child, application should be made within 30 days after the birth; the allowance would then be received in the second month of the child's life. The regional director should be advised in writing of any change of address, so as to avoid delay in receipt of cheques. When either parent remarries, or when there is any change in the name of the person to whom payments are made, full details should be forwarded to the regional office.

The allowances will be stopped when it is found they are being improperly used, and they will be taken back from anyone who receives them for a child who is not eligible. It is the duty of parents or guardians to notify the regional director when a child under 16 has died; fails to go to school regularly or leaves school entirely; begins to work for pay; leaves Canada; enters an institution; goes to someone else's care; or when a girl under 16 marries. The regulations do not permit payment of allowances under the above conditions and are subject to recovery from persons receiving them.

Immigrant children born outside of Canada, become eligible for family allowances after one year's residence in Canada. Children born in Canada to immigrant parents are eligible immediately after birth. Children born abroad of Canadian parents should be registered for the allowances immediately on their return to Canada. In all these cases, applications should be filed to protect the children's rights.

The act provides that allowances be sent to a parent who maintains or has custody of a child. To remain eligible, a child must reside in Canada and attend school regularly. The final payment is made on the last day of the month in which the child's 16th birthday falls. The rates of payment are as follows:

Up to 6th birthday—\$5 per mon.
6th to 10th birthday—\$6 per mon.
10th to 13th birthday—\$7 per mon.
13th to 16th birthday—\$8 per mon.

The receipt of family allowances does not affect income tax exemptions. Application for the benefit should be made as soon as possible after the birth date.

Guard Against Frozen Cream

Some of our cream producers may have developed methods of handling their cream during the spell of fine weather that will lead to freezing and lower grades now that winter has arrived. Allowing cream to freeze is unworthy of a good dairyman, says D. H. McCallum, Alberta's Dairy Commissioner. Frozen cream grades lower and causes financial loss to the producer. It results in poorer quality butter. It requires extra handling in the factory and delays the return of cans and cheques. Frozen cream cannot be sampled or tested with accuracy, and it causes excessive loss of fat in the buttermilk.

To prevent frozen cream McCallum offers the following suggestions:

1. Store the can of cream in a tank of water which is kept cold but not allowed to freeze to any extent.

2. Protect containers from excessive cold during transit.

To the many greetings that come your way, we should like to add ours—to wish you a truly Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Irma Co-op Store

"To You we throw the Torch
Be yours to hold
While joy bells ring
And hearty voices sing,
We're wishing young or old
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And a more prosperous New Year."

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